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INDIA-MYANMAR TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of trade between India and Myanmar during the last three years;

(b) whether cases of unofficial trade with Myanmar has been reported in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the mechanism available for sorting out issues concerning India-Myanmar bilateral trade?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) The volume of trade between India and Myanmar, during the last three years, has been as under:

(In Rs. Lakhs)

Year	Import	Export
2005-06	2,32,862.78	49,009.53
2006-07	3,54,094.53	63,374.59
2007-08	3,25,928.14	74,619.38
Total	9,12,885.45	1,87,003.50

(b & c): No case of unofficial trade has come to notice, so far.

(d) An agreement on border trade between India and Myanmar was signed on 21st January, 1994, which was operationalzed on 12th April 1995. Subsequently a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the two countries on 14th July 2003 for setting up of Joint Trade Committee (JTC) to look into the bi-lateral economic relations. Accordingly there have been three Minister level meetings of the JTC, on 15th July, 2003, 12th May 2006 and on 14th &15th October, 2008